International Air-Service from Kanpur

1246. SHRI SHAMIM AHMAD SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start an international air-service from Kanpur; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons there-No, Sir.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) International traffic ex-Kanpur is negligible. Kanpur is, however, adequately connected with Delhi, the nearest gateway point.

Transfer of turbo-prop aircraft to Vayudoot

1247. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the entire fleet of turbo-prop aircraft of the Indian Airlines is going to be transferred to Vayudoot as per the recommendations of the Billimoria Committee; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Though the Billimoria Committee did not specifically recommend transfer of the fleet of turbo-prop aircraft from Indian Airlines to Vayudoot, it has been decided that such a transfer should take place.

(b) The decision to transfer turbo-prop aircraft to Vayudoot is, *inter alia* due to the requirement of such aircraft for short-haul commuter operations of the company.

Appointment of Chairman of Air India

1248. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2361 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Government have appointed a full time Chairman of Air India;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for delay in making the appointment; and

(c) by when a full time Chairman of Air India is likely to be appointed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No decision has been taken so far as to whether Air India will have a Chairman-cum-Managing Director or a part-time Chairman. At present, the Secretary, Civil Aviation is the part-time Chairman of Air India with tenure upto 10th June, 1986.

Complaints regarding non serving of vegetarain meals etc. on Indian Airlines flights

1249. SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether complaints regarding non-serving of vegetarian breakfast/meals on Indian Airlines flights are being received frequently and such cases are on the increase; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Few complaints have been received from passengers regarding shortage of vegetarian breakfasts/meals on Indian Airlines flights. Such complaints are mainly due to non-vegetarian passengers opting for vegetarian items on certain days of the week. To meet such situations, Indian Airlines have started providing some extra vegetarian meals.